

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner is willing to rejoin Claims 17 and 18, after the amendments made to the terminology and dependency of each, with the Claims of elected invention Group I, according to the definitions of his Restriction Requirement of May 18, 2009, in his consideration of this Application, and that he is inclined to allowing the Application upon the filing of this Amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended by deletion of a structure that had been deleted by description in the definition of R₂, but inadvertently not previously removed from the Claim, by deletion of a term no longer needed, and with minor grammatical and/or stylistic changes for clarity.

Claim 2 has been amended with minor grammatical changes for clarity.

Claims 7, 9-11 and 14-16 (Claim 15, as discussed, would have become redundant with Claim 17 upon the amendment of each) have been canceled after having been withdrawn by the Examiner as a result of Applicants' election in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed May 18, 2009.

Applicants continue to reserve the right to deal in the future with all material in the Specification and Claims not currently under review for allowance as a Patent.

Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are currently pending in the instant Application, for which a favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Examiner.


SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully believe that the Application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit such favorable action by the Examiner. If any remaining matters need to be resolved, however, the resolution of which would expedite allowance, and which are amenable to resolution during a telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' Attorney, Applicants respectfully request such a telephone interview (the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below) with the Examiner prior to any adverse

action being issued by the Office, in order to facilitate allowance of the pending Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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